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Diamond Anniversary Year

Village Cites Need For Mother's Day Gifts

As a part of the observance of its Diamond Anniversary year in Jackson, the Baptist Children's Village is calling attention to the particular significance of Christian Home Week and Mother's Day, 1972.

Christian Home Week, the Convention-sanctioned period for emphasis in local Baptist churches upon the mission work of the Village, is the period May 8 - May 14.

Mother's Day, May 14, is the Convention-approved date for gifts by local churches to support the operating expenses of the Baptist child care agency in Mississippi.

The Baptist Children's Village is dependent upon designated giving for almost 70% of its minimum, operating needs, and Christian Home Week represents the only period during the year when an appeal for cash operating support may be addressed by The Children's Village to organize churches, according to Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent.

Mississippi Baptist History reveals that the first children were admitted to care and custody at the child care agency in Jackson on May 12, 1897. Village authorities point to the fact that the precise 75th anniversary is

therefore two days prior to Mother's Day, 1972.

Several features marking the occasion and honoring the history of The Village have been planned for succeeding weeks, including a special series of articles on the history of Baptist Child Care in Mississippi.

In commenting upon Christian Home Week, 1972, as the Diamond Anniversary of the Jackson Child Care Agency, Mr. Nunnery stated "Trustees, Administration and Staff at the Baptist Children's Village remain humbly conscious of the rich tradition of Christian service to boys

and girls which is our trust. Thousands of children and young people have been lifted to safe and secure levels of Christian living during these twenty-five years through the compassion and unselfishness of Baptists of Mississippi who work and serve through their local churches.

"Many hundreds of Christian people have honored God and served our cause as staff members. Countless thousands have made this distinctive Christian mission a continuing service to society through their gifts and the money support al-

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Supreme Court Rules Against Demand For Parochial Aid

WASHINGTON (BP)—Missouri parents who chose to send their children to non-public institutions lost their argument before the U. S. Supreme Court that their constitutional rights are violated by prohibitions against tax aid to private schools.

The U. S. Supreme Court here affirmed a federal court's opinion that the Missouri Constitution prohibiting state funds for private schools does not violate the religious freedom of parents who want their children to attend non-public schools.

In the case, *Brusca vs. State Board of Education*, a group of parents from "various religious organizations" complained that Missouri laws prevented, or at least seriously impaired, the free exercise of their religion because the state, while requiring compulsory education, does not subsidize religious schools.

The sections of the Missouri Constitution prohibiting state aid to parochial schools, the plaintiffs said, "are repugnant to and in violation of" their rights as guaranteed under the First, Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U. S. Constitution.

The parents argued that their "prime parental right to educate is being abridged, diminished and destroyed by intolerable economic burdens" because the state denies funds to church-related schools.

The courts, however, disagreed, denying the validity of the complaint.

On Sept. 23, 1971, a three-judge district court ruled against the parents. The judges cited a number of U. S. Supreme Court decisions and said that a parent's right to choose a religious private school for his children may

not be equated with a right to insist that the state pay for such an education.

In their argument before the district court, the parents suggested that some alternative program, such as tuition grants, could conceivably be devised which would be free from "government entanglement."

They asked the court to "compel" the state of Missouri "to extend the benefits of gratuitous instruction,

free schools, free transportation, free text books and other resources in training to all students, regardless of race, creed or color."

The parents argued that the state's failure and refusal to provide such educational benefits constitutes "action which is coercive and discriminatory" and violates the state's duty to provide educational benefits to all.

In commenting on the request for

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Prayer, Study, Offering To Be Featured On WMU Special Day

WMU Special Day will be observed by the Woman's Missionary Union organizations throughout Mississippi Monday, May 1, according to Miss Marjean Patterson, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Baptist WMU.

WMU Special Day will be marked by a day of study and prayer and the taking of a special offering, to be known this year for the first time as the Edwina Robinson Special offering. The goal is \$30,000.

Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, state WMU president, said that by having the Special Day offering bear her name, Dr. Robinson, former state WMU executive secretary-treasurer, is "honored for her dedication to foreign missions, home missions, state missions, and to special missions, by which Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union has been able to accom-

plish some very special mission ventures."

Mrs. May also pointed out that the other three special offerings bore the name of an individual, which was the Little Moon offering for foreign missions, the Annie Armstrong offering for home missions and the Margaret Lackey offering to state missions.

The theme for the day will be "Streamers of Love, Over and Above."

The Special Day offering receipts will be used for the following causes, according to Miss Patterson:

International Houseparty, scholarships, Margaret Fund love gifts, Montana camp, Northern Plains Baptist Convention, WMU camps or leadership training in pioneer areas, Mississippi missionary appointees, New Orleans Seaman's Center, aged ministers and widows, leadership meetings, Sophia Sutton Assembly, Camp Garaywa improvement and enlargement.

Bates Urges Sending Of SBC Resolutions To Committee Now

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention has issued a plea urging Southern Baptists who want to introduce resolutions at the denomination's national convention in Philadelphia, June 6-8, to send copies of their statements to the resolutions committee in advance.

Carl E. Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church here and president of the 11.9 million member convention, filed a new convention bylaw which requests that copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the resolutions committee chairman 30 days in advance of the convention.

According to Bylaw No. 11, such advance notification providing texts of proposed resolutions would help "make possible more thorough consideration" of each resolution, as well as "expedite the committee's work."

Bates said that last year, as many as 18 resolutions were submitted at the business session, inundating the committee with a great deal of material they had not seen previously.

Last year, Bates made a similar request, but it was not at that time an official bylaw.

Copies of such proposed resolutions should be mailed to Randall Lolley, chairman of the convention's resolutions committee, and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fifth and Spencer Streets, Winston-Salem, N. C., 27101.

Bates pointed out that the bylaw does not prohibit any messenger from introducing a resolution from the convention floor that has not been sent in advance to the resolutions committee.

In fact, the resolutions are not officially introduced until read to the body.

The SBC president also noted that each person who introduces a resolution will have an opportunity to read the resolution to the assembled convention before it is officially referred to the resolutions committee.

Under convention procedure, resolutions may be introduced by any messenger, but all such resolutions are referred automatically to the resolutions committee, which reports on recommended resolutions on the final two days of the convention.

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Academy Of Music In Philadelphia

In this beautifully-restored antique opera house, Woman's Missionary Union will hold three sessions Monday, June 5. Times are 9:30, 2:00, and 7:00.

1972 ANNUAL MEETING

Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary To Southern Baptist Convention

June 4-5, 1972, Philadelphia, Pa.

Theme: Freedom's Holy Light

Sunday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.

Convention Hall, Philadelphia Civic Center

Hymn Sing
Directors: Gene Bartlett, secretary, church music department, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
Claude H. Rhea, dean, School of Music, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.
C. V. Ford, pastor, First Baptist Church of Piney Grove, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Symphony Orchestra Conductor: Buryl Red, composer, arranger, producer and president of BR Productions, New York, N. Y.
Soloist: Irene Jordan, Metropolitan Opera, New Rochelle, N. Y.
Prayer—Carl Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; president, Southern Baptist Convention
Special Presentation, "The Philadelphia Story"—Kenneth L. Chafin, director, Evangelism Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.
Expression of Christian Greetings—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
Greetings from the Baptist World Alliance—V. Carney Hargroves, president, Baptist World Alliance, Philadelphia, Pa.
Solo—Irene Jordan
Keynote Address, "Freedom's Holy Light"—by W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
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New Officers for the State Baptist Student Convention were elected Saturday afternoon of last week at the annual Leadership Training Conference held at Camp Garaywa near Clinton. From left, seated: Miss Jerri Manning, USM, secretary; Miss Merri Coburn, of MSCW, president; Danny Armstrong, Blue Mountain College, vice-president. Standing: Miss Bonnie Morgan, Gulf Coast Junior College, executive committee; David Jones, MSU, executive committee; Terry H. Garvin, Northeast Junior College, executive committee; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, state Baptist student director, ex-officio. Not shown are Jerry Oswalt, Wm. Carey College, student director advisor; Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland, pastor advisor, and Dr. Philips McCarty, Mississippi College, faculty advisor.

MSCW Girl Is Elected To Head Student Convention

Miss Merrie Coburn, of Columbus, student at MSCW in her home city, Saturday afternoon of last week was elected as president of the State Baptist Student Union; succeeding Dennis Johnson, student at Mississippi State.

The students, holding their annual BSU Leadership Training Conference at Camp Garaywa, in other significant action, presented the 29 summer missionaries, heard outstanding inspirational speakers and participated in a series of thought-provoking conferences.

Other officers elected by the students were as follows:

Danny Armstrong, Blue Mountain College, vice-president; Miss Jerri Manning, University of Southern Mississippi, secretary; Miss Bonnie Morgan, Gulf Coast Junior College, Perkins campus, executive committee; David Jones, Mississippi State, executive committee; Terry H. Garvin, Northeast Junior College, executive committee; Jerry E. Oswalt, Wm. Carey College, student director advisor; Rev. Macklyn W. Hubbell, Cleveland, pastor advisor; Rev. Philips McCarty, Mississippi College, faculty advisor.
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Graham Proclaims New View Of Prayer Amendments

By W. Barry Garrett

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham at a press conference here on the eve of his Charlotte area crusade said he had changed his views and no longer supports proposed prayer amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

This is in contrast to a statement by Graham at a previous press conference at the Charlotte airport in November 1971, just before the vote in the U. S. House of Representatives on the "Wyllie" prayer amendment. At that time the evangelist stated that if he were a congressman, he would vote for the prayer amendment.

The Wyllie amendment failed by 28 votes to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority in the Nov. 8 vote.

Prior to the Nov. 8 vote, Graham sent a telegram to the author of the bill, Rep. Chalmers P. Wyllie (R. Ohio), stating "I am for the prayer amendment now before Congress."

But in the April 1972 press conference, Graham, flanked by United Methodist Earl G. Hunt Jr. and Southern Baptist Convention President Carl Bates, honorary co-chairmen of the Charlotte crusade, said that he had studied the arguments before Congress for the prayer amendment.

He said that he was convinced that the Supreme Court had only struck down forced prayer exercises, not voluntary ones.

The new Graham statement was made in response to a question by Sam R. Covington, religion editor of the Charlotte Observer, concerning the recent Florida primary election "straw vote" on prayers in schools.

In his reply, the evangelist suggested that the original Supreme Court decision on prayers and Bible read-

ing may have been misinterpreted by lower courts and by school boards so that religious exercises and Bible teaching were dropped unnecessarily. He also said that he thought there should be another court test to clarify

what many people believe to be a Supreme Court ban on prayer in the public schools.

In the press conference here, Graham did not develop fully how he thought religion and education should

be correlated in the public schools. However, he did suggest that moral guidelines should be part of what the schools inculcate. He also thought that Catholics, Jews and Protestants could agree on a program of instruction based on the Ten Commandments.

"We need some moral authority in the schools, and what could be better than the Ten Commandments?" he asked.

Reinforcing his long-held position that the state should not impose set forms of prayer or demand that all pray, Graham said that he is "against any type of forced prayer that the state draws up."

However, he claimed he felt that teachers should feel free under the present rulings to teach the Bible and conduct religious exercises.

The new Billy Graham statement

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Baptists Assist Viet Refugees

HUE, Vietnam (BP)—Vietnamese Baptists, Southern Baptist missionaries and students of the University of Hue are cooperating to assist some of the thousands of refugees pouring into Hue and Danang, South Vietnam.

Heavy fighting between troops of North and South Vietnam has sent 100,000 or more people fleeing to the safety of cities in the northern provinces of South Vietnam.

Missionary Robert C. Davis Jr. reported that more than 65,000 refugees had arrived here by mid April.

About 40,000 were housed in schools,

churches and temporary camps, with the rest in private homes, he said.

Another 20,000 to 25,000 are situated in camps hurriedly set up in Danang, south of Hue.

Government agencies and several private organizations are assisting the refugees. During the first week of relief activity, the Vietnam Baptist Mission, the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam, with the help of local Christians and university students, gave food and clothing to more than 1,200 families.

The food packages contained rice, milk and soy sauce.

Each package also contained a brief message of comfort in the name of Baptists, a quotation of Matthew 11:28, and a special edition of the Gospel of John. Sleeping mats also were distributed.

As soon as the current refugee problem developed, Davis and missionary Lewis I. Myers Jr., of Danang, asked the chairman of their social ministries committee for money to be used for relief.

The committee met hurriedly and allocated \$2,000.

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MISSIONS TAKES HOLD

Mrs. Katie Kimoto teaches Sunday School at the Grandview Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California. Once a mission for Japanese-speaking persons, Grandview

church is now self-supporting. The church has a Spanish department and counts other races among its members.—(Home Board Photo.)

Catholic Bishops Okay Key '73

ATLANTA (BP) — The National Council of Catholic Bishops meeting here voted to approve Catholic participation in Key '73, a nationwide evangelistic effort in 1973 involving more than 130 denominations and Christian groups, including Southern Baptists.

The vote by the bishops, approving a motion by Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City, Mo., was unanimous.

Cardinal John J. Carberry of St. Louis spoke in support of the motion. He pointed out that each participating denomination is free to observe the crusade in its own way.

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Evangelism Division Director Kenneth Chafin, who is coordinating plans for Southern Baptist national promotion of Key '73, said he was delighted at the announcement of Catholic participation.

He also said he felt a mass movement in 1973 of both Catholics and Protestants would be "tremendous."

"There is a moving of the spirit of God among lay people throughout the nation today."

"This represents participation in a very well defined project aimed at involvement in witnessing an evangelistic thrust by Christians of all evangelical persuasion," Chafin said.

Though there are 130 denominations, groups and organizations participating, each will decide how it is to participate.

No denomination is asked to affirm the theology or methodology of any other participant.

The Catholic action to participate in Key '73 was taken during the first

meeting of the bishops which was open to the press.

Two Southern Baptists attended as observers and reporters—C. Brownlow Hastings of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of interfaith witness, and George Sheridan, associate editor of the Christian Index.

Half SBC Churches Provide No Retirement For Pastors

DALLAS (BP)—Nearly half the churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention do not provide retirement coverage for their pastors, state representatives of the denomination's Annuity Board were told here.

Baynard F. Fox, vice president for development among churches for the SBC Annuity Board with offices here, told 16 state representatives of the Annuity Board meeting here that of the 33,937 churches in the SBC, 16,464 congregations provide no retirement program for their pastors.

Fox pointed out that 11,867 of the churches, by far the largest category, have fewer than 200 members. Many of these small churches have part-time pastors and cannot afford to contribute to a retirement fund from their meager collections.

There are, however, 4,040 churches with between 200 and 499 members which do not have a retirement program with the Annuity Board that could and should do so, Fox said.

He urged the 16 state representatives of the Annuity Board to enlist 7,500 new churches in retirement coverage for their pastors and other staff members during the next five years.

Among the denomination's 2,054 churches with 1,000 or more members, only 81 do not provide retire-

ment coverage for the pastor, although most do not provide retirement benefits for other staff members. In most cases, only the pastor's retirement is covered.

Fox said he hoped 5,000 unenlisted staff members of participating churches would be enrolled during the next five years, plus an additional 5,500 represented by seminary students now studying at SBC seminaries who will enter the active ministry during the next five years.

During the three-day meeting here, the 16 state Annuity Board representatives attending also were briefed on the board's investment policies, services to members of retirement plans, health and disability insurance coverage, and contacts with Baptist institutions other than churches.

Homecoming April 30 Set For Emmanuel

Homecoming Sunday April 30 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Jackson. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the good singing, preaching and fellowship. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching Service at 11 a. m. Dinner on the ground and a good program plan for the afternoon. Rev. Joe L. Hasson, Pastor, and Dr. Charles Clark, minister of music.

MEMPHIS—One of the largest classes in recent years graduated from the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis, on Friday night, March 31. Commencement exercises were held at the First Baptist Church. Fifty-five students received their diplomas. The commencement speaker was Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College in Mississippi.

Village Mother's Day Offering

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located to child care by their churches.

"The current Village staff renews its dedication and commitment to the Baptist churches of this state and to the gospel cause we share with them and the unfortunate children and troubled families we serve for them."

In recent announcements, the Administration at the Children's Village has emphasized its expanding and multi-faceted ministry. The mission now includes the operation of the beautiful and modern cottage-style

Jackson campus, described as "a community of homes for children"; a system of private Baptist homes in every area of the state, formally associated with the Village as free, "foster-homes"; and the recently inaugurated "Satellite Home" or off-campus cottage in New Albany, acclaimed as a progressive and specialized form of organized agency care under private-home circumstances for selected natural families of children in Village custody.

"Current Village philosophy depicts the assignment to the child care agency as a mission to the private home

and family and asserts that the thrust of Village efforts is shifting from a 'child-centered' emphasis to a 'family-centered' emphasis.

"The constantly changing socioeconomic complexities of our society; the neglect and the frequent abandonment of Christian ethics and morality as principles to guide and guard home and family, render our task more expensive, but more necessary than ever before."

"These challenges constrain us to bring the natural talent, the experience and the graduate training of professional and even clinical Christians to the staff of the Baptist Children's Village."

"We must not reflect adversely upon the honored heritage of Christian Child Care in Mississippi because our mission has become more technical, more complicated and more costly."

"We appeal to Baptist churches, in this, our diamond anniversary year, to renew and increase their financial support of this critical effort, and to pray with and for us, particularly during Christian Home Week," Mr. Nunery added.

Woman's Missionary Union

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"The Testament of Freedom"—the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma, directed by James Woodward, head of music department, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

Benediction—John R. Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; president, Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Monday, June 5, 9:30 a. m.

Sessions at the Philadelphia Academy of Music

"To Thee We Sing"—music directed by William R. O'Brien, Southern Baptist music missionary to Indonesia

Soloist—Mrs. William O'Brien, missionary to Indonesia

"Drugs—Which Way America?"—Warren Rawles, assistant secretary, department of Christian social ministries, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

"Youth in Missions in the Northeast"—M. Thomas Starkes, secretary, department of interfaith witness, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

James C. Wideman, US-2 missionary to Greenland, N. H.

Glen Iglehart, director of interfaith witness for the Northeast, Glen Ridge, N. J.

Mack Taylor, student worker at Harvard University and surrounding colleges, Peabody, Mass.

Woman's Missionary Union—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

Solo—Irene Jordan

"He Sets the Prisoner Free"—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Benediction

Monday, June 5, 2:00 p. m.

Philadelphia Academy of Music

"To Thee We Sing"

"The Gaza Story"—Roy McGlamery, staff physician, Baptist Hospital in Gaza; medical missionary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

Cantata, "The Freedom Song"—Children's Choir, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., M. F. Ellerbe, director

"Poverty—Which Way America?"—Beverly Hammack, assistant secretary, department of Christian social ministries, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

"Ethnics in Missions in the Northeast"—Oscar Romo, secretary, language missions department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Rodolph Morgan, pastor, Atonement Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jesus Martinez, language missionary, Home Mission Board, Rochester, N.Y.

Armando Silverio, language missionary among the Italians, Home Mission Board, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Business—Election of Officers

Solo—Irene Jordan

"Liberating the American Christian"—D. Elton Trueblood, author and lecturer, Richmond, Ind.

Benediction—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Monday, June 5, 7:00 p. m.

Philadelphia Academy of Music

"To Thee We Sing"

"Churches in Missions in the Northeast"—F. J. Redford, secretary, department of church extension, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Robert Fling, pastor-director, Southern Baptist mission work in Westchester County, Hartsdale, N. Y.

James A. Wright Jr., missionary to Spanish speaking people, Manchester, Connecticut

Samuel G. Simpson, pastor-director, Bronx Baptist Church, Bronx, N.Y.

Paul Glenn, US-2 missionary, Westmont Baptist Chapel, Johnstown, Pa.

Introduction of Speaker—William H. Rittenhouse, pastor, Nassau Bay Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

"I Felt God's Presence on the Moon"—James Irwin, astronaut, Houston, Tex.

Solo—Irene Jordan

"The Bangladesh Story"—James McKinley, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh

Oratorio, "Candles of the Lord"—presented by Maryland Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Frank A. Downing, Baltimore, Md., director

"Woman's Missionary Union—Which Way?"—Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union; director, Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Benediction

Robison Crusade

Results In Record

2,400 Conversions

MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — Attracting crowds as large as singer Elvis Presley, a ten-day evangelistic crusade here led by Evangelist James Robison of Hurst, Tex., closed out with 2,395 professions of faith and 3,683 total public decisions.

It was the largest number of conversions reported in a single crusade ever led by the 28-year-old Southern Baptist evangelist. Robison set records two years ago by recording the largest number of conversions in local church revivals in Pasadena and Irving, Tex., Southern Baptist churches.

The one-week crusade at Mobile's Municipal Auditorium, with overflow crowds of 10,000 on the last few days, was extended an additional two nights by crusade leaders.

"There has never been anything like this before in Mobile," crusade chairman Jaroy Weber, pastor of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church, said. "It has just been fantastic."

"I believe that this crusade has affected the total community and has made people more aware of Christ than they have ever been," he said.

Weber particularly praised the crusade for having "brought churches together" and for the impact that it had on churches of all denominations.

Not since singer Elvis Presley was in town had Mobile's Municipal Audi-

torium ever seen a local audience pack the house beyond its normal crowd capacity of 10,000 persons.

Mid-Continent Bible

College Announces

Registration Date

Registration for the summer trimester of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College of Mayfield, Kentucky, is set for May 1st. Late registration will be continued for the last two weeks of May. The summer trimester ends August 18th.

A short summer session (June 19-August 18) is scheduled primarily for high school students.

Interested students should write Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, Kentucky, 42068.

Educational Center Dedicated At Union

Dedication of a new Educational Center at First Church, Union, was held April 16. Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, brought the dedication address. Open house was held in the afternoon. This building is the second of a three-phase program. A new pastory was completed in 1970, and plans are being made to construct a new auditorium. Rev. Ferrell O. Cork, Jr. is pastor and Drew LeBlanc is minister of music.

First, Hazlehurst

Breaks Three Records

At First Church, Hazlehurst, Mrs. Charlotte Broome, director of WMU, has announced that gifts for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering were the largest in the history of the church. The foreign missions goal was \$1,500, and the offering exceeded \$2,100. The home missions goal of \$1,000 was also exceeded.

March 19 brought another victory to the 102-year-old church. H. C. Rose, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, released to the congregation the news that for the first time the church had over-subscribed its budget. The church had never before completely subscribed its budget. However, since 1958, the church has successfully used the Forward Program of Church Finance.

The \$111,418 budget includes 10% for missions through the Cooperative Program, and approximately 2% for other mission causes. Last year's budget called for \$99,392, and receipts for the budget year, April-March, totaled \$103,735. Total receipts, kindergarten excluded, were in excess of \$122,000.

Pastor George E. Meadows expressed the opinion that within the not too distant future the church will be giving 25% of its budget to missions.

250 Attend Carey's Call '72 Conference Looking At Christian Vocations

Over 250 high school students from Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida found fellowship and direction for their lives April 15-16 at the first annual CALL '72 CONFERENCE on the campus of William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

Eagerly seeking guidance for their lives, the students explored possible Christian vocational opportunities in fourteen separate areas of service. Outstanding conference leaders discussed with the youth possible Christian careers in such things as journalism, radio and television, promotion, youth work, student work, the preaching ministry, educational work, nursing, foreign missions and home missions, and drama.

A highlight of the weekend was a joint Bible study hour and worship service on Sunday morning. High school evangelist, Buddy Mathis from Pascagoula, delivered a challenge for life commitment in which 65 young people came forward expressing a desire for the Lord's leadership in a Christian vocation. Hattiesburg's Temple Baptist pastor, Rev. Kermit McGreggor, presented the Biblical approach to a call for service. After a fellowship dinner at noon, Nigerian pastor, Rev. Joshua Oyekin, a ministerial student at Carey, spoke.

Under the direction of Chaplain Jerry Oswalt at Carey and a large number of student and staff assistants, CALL '72 was called by many the spiritual highlight of the college year.



Looking for a Christian vocation in which to invest their lives, over 250 high school and college young people crowded on the William Carey College campus, April 15-16, for the first annual CALL '72 CONFERENCE. Part of the group are shown registering above. At least 65 expressed public commitment to Christian service during an outstanding Sunday morning youth worship service, led by Pascagoula high school evangelist Buddy Mathis.

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These three Southern Baptists are among six who totaled 11 awards, the top number presented to any denomination, during the 1972 national, interfaith Paul M. Hinkhouse honors competition of the Religious Public Relations Council in Ft. Worth last week. Left to right are John Earl Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth; J. Eugene White of Thomasville, N.C., former editor of *Charity and Children's Homes* of North Carolina; and Clarence Duncan of the Radio and Television Commission. Not pictured are Robert O'Brien of the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, John Boskas of the SBC Annuity Board and Ed Malone of the Radio-TV Commission. — BP PHOTO by David Clanton

Southern Baptists Win 11 Religious Awards In PR

FORT WORTH (BP) — Southern Baptist walked away with the largest number of awards during the 1972 Paul M. Hinkhouse national, interfaith honors competition sponsored here by the Religious Public Relations Council (RPRC).

Six Southern Baptists, led by J. Eugene White of Thomasville, N. C. won 11 awards in the competition. Following closely in the number of awards won were representatives of the Church of the Brethren who won 10 awards, and Methodists, with seven.

The awards were presented during the 43rd annual convention of the Religious Public Relations Council, an interfaith organization of religious communicators, at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel here.

White, former editor of *Charity and Children's Homes*, publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., collected three awards, including one of four grand prizes given for the best in each class.

His "Cold Turkey Campaign" on drug prevention won White both first place in the public relations campaign category and a plaque and \$125 cash award for the best in his class.

A television spot from the Cold Turkey Campaign was second in the television spot category. The same spot finished second a week earlier in San Antonio in the annual awards competition of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

Other Southern Baptist RPRC winners were Ed Malone and Clarence Duncan of the SBC Radio and Television Commission here; John Earl Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here; John Boskas of the SBC Annuity Board, Dallas; and Robert O'Brien of the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

Malone won first place in radio spots and a second place in radio programs ("Powerline"). Seelig won the booklet category and finished second to White in the public relations campaign category.

Duncan had two second places in television series (for "Home") and newsletters (for "The Beam").

Boskas received first in feature writing and O'Brien was second in news writing.

Southern Baptists were also among speakers, workshop leaders and planners for the three-day meeting.

In a major address, Clyde Fant, professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary, chided "insiders" of any denomination who pressure religious public relations practitioners to communicate in inside terminology at the expense of true communication.

Speaking at a banquet to honor representatives of the secular press, Fant said public relations people should be allowed to "build bridges of communications to the public — the people they are trying to reach."

He characterized the religious public relations worker as one who "stands at the door" between the religious and secular worlds and tries to see enough of both groups to create mutual understanding.

Fant also warned against pressure for a religious communication that is so predictable and distant from the lives of secular man that it fails to produce creative communication.

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, told RPRC delegates who visited the commission that "electronic communications is the best weapon the church has in its struggle for the heart of man. But its potential is such that today's seemingly sophisticated satellite system will be tomorrow's model."

In other awards presented, the council honored with "Merit Awards" the *Los Angeles Times*, *Dallas Times Herald*, *Washington Post*, *Nashville Tennessean* and the *Associated Press* for "outstanding re-

ligion coverage," and honored ABC-TV and its news department for "Religion in America Today," and CBS-TV for a three-part series on the black church.

Named as RPRC fellow were Dan Thrapp and John Dart of the *Times*, Martha Man of the *Times Herald*, Betty Medsger and William R. MacKay of the *Post* and William A. Reed of the *Tennessean* and George Cornell of the *AP*.

Third Annual Old-Fashioned Singing School To Be Held At MC In June

The third annual Old-Fashioned Singing School is scheduled again at Mississippi College June 15-17.

This event is sponsored jointly by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan C. Hall, director, and the Music Department, Mississippi College, Jack Lyall, Dean.

"The success of last year's school dictates another one this year. The school will begin on Thursday morning and close at noon on Saturday. More specific information will be announced later. In addition to volunteer song leaders, pianists, and organists with little or no music training, we are also planning activities for pastors of the smaller churches and untrained choir members," states Mr. Hall.

Practical in every way, this school is designed to meet the needs of persons who have had no music training or only limited training.

Included in the three-day school will be class discussions and demonstrations on "How to Read Music," "How to Sing Better," "How to Lead Sing-

MSCW Girl Elected Student President

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bell, of Cleveland, pastor advisor; Dr. Phillips McCarty, of Mississippi College, faculty advisor.

Twenty-nine student missionaries, who will serve this summer in a total of five foreign countries, seven states in the Union and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, were first given a period of orientation and then presented to the body.

The missionaries are supported by the "over-and-above" gifts of the students themselves.

The 1972 goal for this project, along with other than summer activities, is \$12,300, according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

The conference got underway Friday at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

Dennis Johnsey, student at Mississippi State, president, presided.

Local Baptist Student Union officers from nearly 30 schools and colleges in the state attended.

Principal out-of-state speakers were Chester Reames, associate state BSU director of Texas Baptists and Robert Cannon, BSU director, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Dr. James L. Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College was Bible study leader.

Rev. Joe McKeever, minister of evangelism, First Baptist Church, Jackson, was the speaker at the installation banquet for new officers, held Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening there was a "Celebration Under the Stars," featuring music, testimonies and student summer missionaries.

Music director was Rick Van Egmond, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Amory. Instrumentalists were Darrell Boggs, of Mississippi College and Anita Crump, of Blue Mountain College.

Simultaneous workshops were featured at Saturday's sessions.

Other features included Rap sessions, campus altars and special music.

State leaders participating on program included Jerry J. Merriman, BSU director at Mississippi State; Rev. Bradley Pope, BSU director at Mississippi College; Tommy Puckett, director of activities, Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson; Miss Frances Shaw, director of Baptist Young Women, WMU, Jackson; Rev. Richard Herrington, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tchula; Ed Causey, BSU Graduate Assistant, Mississippi College; Robert D. Gilmore, sales supervisor, A. B. Dick Company, Jackson.

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Missionary Is Antebellum Hostess

Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria, is pictured above in front of D'Evereux, in Natchez, acting as antebellum hostess.

While on furlough, Miss Kirkpatrick was house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Buckles, Jr., at D'Evereux during the Natchez Pilgrimage and while there acted as hostess on Friday afternoon, March 31. She returned to Nigeria on April 17.

The daughter of Mrs. Jim Kirkpatrick and the late Mr. Kirkpatrick of Noxapater, Miss Kirkpatrick was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board 16 years ago. In Nigeria, she works with Baptist students. Her "headquarters" is Ibadan, but her work requires that she travel all over the country. Also she is responsible for filling the pulpits of many native churches. They write and tell her when they need a preacher and she in turn locates one for them. Many times there are so many requests for speakers that she has to go herself. In fact, many Sundays she must be away from her own church, filling

pulpits! And she is an excellent speaker.

Miss Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Thomas B. Buckles, Jr. of D'Evereux, the former Peggy Ming of Louisville, Miss., grew up together.

D'Evereux, one of the antebellum homes open during the annual Pilgrimage, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Buckles, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Buckles, Jr. Built around 1840, it is an outstanding example of Greek revival architecture. It is on the national register of historic places, and presently is the only private home in Mississippi that is on the national register. During the Pilgrimage, tours are open each day, five each morning and five each afternoon. D'Evereux is open every third afternoon. While Miss Kirkpatrick was visiting in Natchez, D'Evereux was open only on March 31, so she was hostess only that one afternoon. She also attended a performance of "The Confederate Pageant" and of "Southern Exposure," the play performed by the Natchez Little Theatre.

Baptists In Miami Kick Off Demo '72

MIAMI, Florida — The Executive Board of the Miami Baptist Association voted to provide a ministry to the Democratic Convention meeting in Miami, beginning July 9.

Richard G. Bryant, director of Missions, Miami Baptist Association observed to the Executive Board "that some of the most influential people in the Nation will be present in our community, just as people from all over the world were present in Jerusalem at Pentecost."

What better opportunity could we have to confront these key leaders of our Nation with the claims of Jesus Christ!

He pointed out that at least two groups would be present in Miami — the delegates, their families and friends — the "unauthorized delegate," the demonstrator, and the radical youth.

"If we have anything to say to anybody in this world, we have it to say to the people who are coming here," stated Bryant.

Plans to project "DEMO '72" have been laid.

The ministry will be led by youth. Provisions will be made for young people from across the Nation to join the youth of Miami in a dynamic witness.

Sammy Tippet, director of "God's Love in Action, of Chicago has been invited to assist in organizing the trust.

The Department of Evangelism of the Florida Baptist Convention is directing the witness training and assisting in the project.

Graham Proclaims Youth

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was interpreted by some Baptist leaders as another indication of a rising feeling in the nation that constitutional prayer amendments are not the real solution to the problems raised by religion and public education.

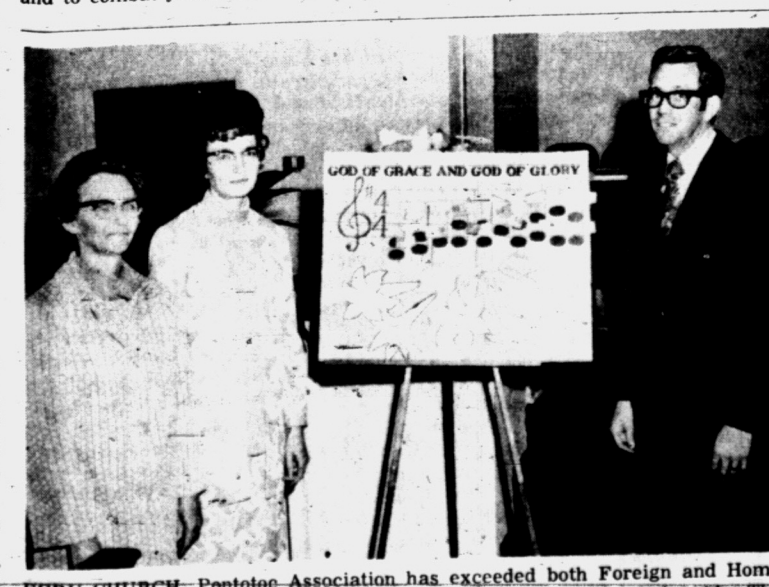
In Washington, a group of national religious leaders are currently considering promotion of a national congress on religion and public education within the next year or two. Several Southern Baptists are included in the group advocating such a national congress.

April 24-30 Proclaimed As "Youth Temperance Week" By Gov. Waller

The week of April 24-30 has been officially proclaimed as "Youth Temperance Education Week" by Governor William Waller.

The proclamation, in part, declared that "the future of our state and the nation lies in the hands of the youth of today," and "that the Mississippi Women's Christian Temperance Union annually supports an observance of this week."

The proclamation closes by declaring that the purpose of this week "is to teach the highest ideals of complete living, promote respect for law, and to combat juvenile delinquency."



ECRU CHURCH, Pontotoc Association has exceeded both Foreign and Home Missions goals for this year which have been conducted church wide. The Missions goals of \$1400 was exceeded by over \$100 and the home missions goal of \$650 was exceeded by over \$100. On left is Mrs. Brooks Hamilton, Missions Support Chairman, Baptist Women; Mrs. Bill Browning, W. M. U. director; and pastor, Rev. Bill Boulton.

Two Lay-Evangelistic Rallies Planned

The Brotherhood and Evangelism Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are jointly sponsoring two Baptist Laymen's Evangelistic Rallies.

A challenging program has been planned including the following personalities: Dr. Jack Stanton, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Gerald Martin, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson; and Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, Grenada.

The rallies will be held during May. The first one will be Thursday, May 18, which will meet in First Church, Ellisville. The second will be held Thursday, May 25 in First Church, Pontotoc, with the program beginning at approximately 3:30 p.m. and terminating about 9:00 p.m. There will not be a supper meal served in the churches. All interested Baptist Men are encouraged to make plans now to attend one of these rallies.

RAMSEY POLLARD, FORMER SBC PRESIDENT, PLANS RETIREMENT

MEMPHIS (BP) — On his 12th anniversary as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church here, former Southern Baptist Convention President Ramsey Pollard announced plans to retire effective June 1.

"I will spend the remaining part of my life conducting revival meetings and in related Christian activities," he told the congregation during a celebration honoring him on his 12th anniversary as pastor.

"I hope to spend some time in assisting Union University (Jackson, Tenn.) in its campaign for capital funds, and to continue to serve as president of the board of directors of the World Evangelism Foundation in Abilene, Tex.," Pollard said.

Pollard, 69, became pastor of the 8,700-member church in 1960, succeeding R. G. Lee. The previous year in Louisville, he had been elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He served from 1959-61.

Pollard also has been president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and chairman of the SBC Radio-Television Commission.

Last Rites Held For Lynton Cooper

Rev. Lynton B. Cooper, well-known Mississippi retired pastor, died of a heart attack in Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis April 12.

The funeral service was conducted in Citizens Funeral Home, West Memphis, Ark. by Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor of First Baptist Church in Grenada and interment was in the Marion, Ark., cemetery.

Mr. Cooper had retired from his last pastorate, at DeKalb, because of ill health.

Mr. Cooper was born in Rankin County in 1905. He was a graduate of Mississippi College and also attended New Orleans Seminary.

Other churches served by Mr. Cooper included Gore Springs, Ridge-land and Marion, Ark.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Marie Shirley Cooper; two sons, Rev.

Don Cooper of Southaven; Lynton B. Cooper, Jr., Jackson; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Phillips of Palatine, Illinois and Mrs. Jack Williamson, Southaven; one brother, Evon B. Cooper, Jackson as well as other further removed relatives.

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Davis enlisted the help of the university students and others here, while members of Hope Baptist Church in Danang, already organized for such emergencies, went into action immediately.

Davis and his family are based in Danang temporarily.

He commutes to Hue three or four days each week. He and his wife opened Baptist work here last September.

The relief program will continue as long as the need exists and financial means permit, he said.

Youth Director's Workshop Set At MC

Fellowships, athletics, retreats, drama, and music will serve as some workshop topics at the statewide youth director's lab to be hosted by Mississippi College May 5-6.

A banquet featuring Gary Fagan, director of youth for Christ in Jackson, will open the program on Friday night at 6:00 in the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

Mrs. Ann Alexander, former youth director of First Baptist Church in Jackson and coordinator of the lab, has scheduled a variety of workshops featuring local workers for Saturday. She will lead one on drama and Jehu Brabham, youth director at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, will lead one on athletics. Tanner Riley, music director of First Baptist Church, Clinton, will lead the music workshop and Jerry Talley will lead one on retreats. Rev. Tom Douglas and Billy Hudgins of the Sunday School Board will lead a workshop on Vacation Bible School and Wayne Barber, youth director of Hillcrest Baptist, Jackson, will lead a workshop on Bible study and witnessing.

Summer youth directors, summer missionaries, and youth and recreation directors from throughout the state may register to attend until May 3. They must pay a \$2 registration fee and \$2.75 in addition if they do not plan to provide their own meals. Friday night housing will also be provided if desired, but participants are requested to bring their own linens. Registration may be mailed to Mississippi College, Box 252, Clinton.

LONG-TERM PROJECTION: Professional occupations will grow fastest of any type of job during 70's. "By 1980, requirements for professional, technical, and related workers may be about 50% greater than 1968 employment." Areas of prospective shortages: health workers, chemists, geologists, geophysicists, counselors, social workers, urban planners, local government administrators. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.)

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EDITORIAL

It Was Hard To Believe!

I could hardly believe the news release that came to my desk this morning.

It said, "Nearly half the churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention do not provide retirement coverage for their pastors."

That seemed impossible. The average Southern Baptist church loves its pastor and his family and is concerned about their every need. When sickness or sorrow comes, the care and love which is given cannot be surpassed anywhere.

Yet, the report says that nearly half of the churches are making no provision for those preachers, or other staff members, for their retirement days.

Retirement time inexorably comes for every preacher, if he does not die first. The day will come when the churches no longer want him as pastor, or he is physically unable to give pastoral leadership.

What will happen then? Will the churches just turn him out, without a place to go? Many pastors have lived in pastor's homes provided by the church throughout their ministry, and do not even have a little home of their own. This is bad enough, but add to this little or no retirement income, and the result is disaster.

It may be argued that the preacher now is covered by Social Security. This is true, unless the preacher signed a waiver signifying that he did not want such coverage, but in most cases of present day preachers, and especially older men, they will not have been in Social Security long enough to build up more than a minimum retirement income. Few preachers, or other staff

members, with the income they have received from the churches, have been able to make investments which will provide adequate income in retirement years.

Many industries have set up retirement programs in addition to Social Security, to provide the necessities for their employees in retirement days. Some of them are putting as much as 30% of the salaries of the workers into retirement programs, and state frankly that they are doing it for their own protection. In case of sickness, death or retirement, the company will not feel an obligation that it has not already met.

Southern Baptists long ago faced this problem of what to do for its retired ministers and staff members, and set up plans whereby churches could provide retirement programs for them. According to the figures in the above mentioned story, about half of the churches have entered into these plans. We have learned that in Mississippi it is less than half.

However, even where churches have entered the plan, many of them have not kept the plan updated, and still are paying only on the original basic plan, which is inadequate in the light of today's inflated economy. But it is a start, and far better than those churches which are doing nothing.

What should be done? First, check today to see whether your church is providing retirement coverage for your pastor. If not, why not take action now to begin that coverage? Contact the state Annuity Board representative today, (W. R. Roberts, P. O. Box 530, Jackson) and let him help you work out

coverage for your pastor and other members of your staff.

We suggest that you begin by paying at least 10% of the entire salary of the employees into the retirement program. Under the original and basic plan this was 10% of the first \$4,000. When the program was launched this was a big salary. Today it is not. If retirement funds are to be anything like adequate there will need to be a program built upon the entire salary.

If your church places 10% of the entire salary into the program, the 10% of the first \$4,000 will go into the basic plan. To this the state convention will add another 5%, meaning that 15% of the \$4,000 or \$600.00 per year immediately will begin building a retirement program. Moreover, it also will give some immediate protection to the pastor's family in the case of his death before retirement. All of the 10% beyond the basic part, will go into plan "B" (Age Security), or plan "C", (Variable Annuity), as the church and member choose, and will help provide a more adequate annuity.

Churches already in the plan, but still paying only on the basic \$4,000, also should consider enlarging their participation, so that the retirement income will be sufficient to meet present day needs. The ideal is 10% of the entire salary, or even more.

Preachers, who feel that they are able to do so, also can use the "Tax Sheltering" plan, whereby they simply do not receive part of their salary, but instead have it put to the Annuity Board to help purchase more retirement income. This is fully approved by the government, and many preachers are doing it. The income tax on it is paid in the retirement years.

The Southern Baptist retirement program is one of the soundest and best of any denomination in the nation, and the Annuity Board is constantly seeking to improve it. But it is a participation plan which requires that churches pay into the plan to give protection to their employees.

Of course, it also is protection for the churches themselves. Else, what are they going to do with the old preachers when they get too old to preach? It is hard, Christian simply to turn them out without any means of support. Southern Baptists do not believe that churches want to do that, and they have provided a plan whereby the churches can continue to care for those who no longer can serve them.

What is your church doing? Is it among the 50% who are doing something, or those who are providing no protection? If you are in the plan, are you doing enough?

Isn't it time that you looked at this program in your church, to be sure that you are providing for your whole staff?

awareness of the presence of Christ. This calls for Christian commitment along with participation and observance of the Supper.

FULL CIRCLE by David R. Mains, (Word, 217 pp., \$4.95) The story of the establishment, growth, and ministry of a new church in the heart of Chicago. Leaders studied the New Testament pattern and sought to make their church follow that pattern. The organization started in the midst of a great snow storm in February 1967. Since then the church has ministered to the inner city in a surprising and amazing manner. Can anything be done for the inner city? This book shows that it can be.

REACH OUT FOR LOVE by Douglas Watterson (Convention, paper, 113 pp., New Church Study Course) This book is written for young adults who are thinking seriously of marriage, to help them prepare for "a journey of joy and satisfaction."

THE HEART OF THE OLD TESTAMENT by Ronald Youngblood (Baker, 108 pp., paper \$2.95) A study of nine theological concepts in the Old Testament namely: monotheism, sovereignty, election, covenant, (two studies), theocracy, law, sacrifice, faith and redemption. The author relates these truths to their New Testament fulfillment in Christ.

THE PHILISTINES AND THE OLD TESTAMENT by Edward E. Hindson (Baker, 184 pp., paper \$3.95) One of a series of Baker studies in Biblical archaeology. This book demonstrates from history and archaeology the significant place the Philistines occupy in early Bible history. The book carries many illustrations and drawings.

PARTNERS IN TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN by Martha Locke Hemphill (Judson Press, paper, 64 pp., \$2.50) Manual for kindergarten and primary workers.

HEBREWS by Marilyn Kunz and Catherine Schell (Tyndale House, 95c, paper, 59 pp.) Sixteen discussions for group Bible study.

PSALMS AND PROVERBS by Marilyn Kunz and Catherine Schell (Tyndale House, paper, 62 pp., 95 cents) Twenty-three discussions for group Bible study.

DAY X by Kurt Koch (Kregel, paper, 95c, 128 pp.) The author reviews the present world situation in the light of what he believes to be the nearness of the Lord's second coming.

volume by Eleanor L. Doan. Here is Bible interpretation that is fresh and moving. Almost every page includes material which apply to our own Christian living, but the whole volume presents God and his plans and his programs for men. The messages glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, centered in the church and its program and point out God's plans for this world and for the future.

WHAT'S A PARENT TO DO? by C. S. Lovett (Personal Christianity, Baldwin Park, Calif., 268 pp., \$4.95).

We hear much today of the teenage crisis. This effects all areas of living, but perhaps its seriousness is felt most in the home. The relationship between teenagers and their parents often reaches a crisis stage and parents despair as to what to do about the teenage rebellion. This book faces the problems frankly and seriously and from a Christian point of view. At the very beginning the Author says that in this permissive society, the parent must learn the magic word "No!" and have the courage to use it and back it up. He reveals that he wrote to 100,000 Christian parents and leaders around the country asking for their ideas concerning rearing children in this generation. Many answered him, revealing the problems and how they are dealing with them. Many asked for help! Out of all of this Dr. Lovett wrote this book. It begins by looking at rebellious parents and rebellious children which fact modern youth and parents. He discusses Christian motivation, problems of punishment and insistence upon obedience are dealt with. Christian cooperation and love and understanding are fully discussed. It is our opinion that if every teenage parent could read this book that many home problems of modern America could be solved.

THE SOLUTION TO CRISIS-AMERICA by George Otis (Revell, 120 pp., \$3.95) An enlarged edition in the popular paperback size of a book which appeared last year in a different form and already has sold over 200,000 copies. The book asks the question "Is America doomed as Rome and Greece of old were doomed?" It answers with an encouraging and resounding "No." Pat Boone writes the Foreword, a fresh and strong statement concerning spiritual values which still exist in our land.

BROKEN BREAD IN A BROKEN WORLD by Brian A. Greet (Judson, 121 pp., paper \$2.97) A study of how that the Lord's Supper can bring the participant into a fuller

Please, Mr. President

Within a few weeks, Mr. President, you are scheduled to be flying to Moscow for top level talks with the leaders of the Soviet Union. You can be assured that the prayers and concern of millions of Americans will be going with you, and there is widespread hope that these conversations can greatly strengthen your efforts for world peace.

Some of us, Mr. President, feel that you also should use this occasion to discuss with the Communist leaders, another subject which is of equal importance. That subject is freedom, and especially religious freedom for Baptists, Protestants, Catholics, Jews and others in the Soviet Union and other Communist dominated countries.

We understand, Mr. President that a national drive is underway, petitioning you to discuss with Russian leaders the

plight of the Jews in their countries. We simply ask that you enlarge that discussion to the religious freedoms, and other freedoms, of all people.

We are all thoroughly familiar, Mr. President, with the lack of true religious freedom in any of these lands, and of the persecution which has dogged dissident Baptists, Jews and others. According to reports some of this persecution continues to this very hour.

Why not, Mr. President, while you are discussing with the leaders the problems of war, self-determination, and other great issues, also point out that God has given to every man the right of self determination in the field of worship?

We doubt if there could be anything on your agenda, Mr. President, which could bring more good will and understanding among all men, or that could do more to bring an era of peace.

NEWEST BOOKS

CAMPING WITH GOD by Stephen F. Olford (Loizeaux 186 pp., \$3.95) Dr. Stephen F. Olford is pastor of New York's Calvary Baptist Church and is widely known as a preacher and evangelist. This book is a careful study of the Tabernacle with God commanded Moses to erect in the Wilderness. The structure, the furnishings, the priesthood, and the offerings all are studied and application is made to show their spiritual meaning. This will be a valuable volume to help the earnest Bible student have a clear understanding of the meaning and purpose of "the tent in the wilderness."

EMIT II (Tyndale, 80 pp., paper, \$1.25) The Time Magazine format is used to present scriptural truth in modern form and language. Even the advertising is like actual present day advertising, representing what would have been done had companies of that day advertised as do modern companies. The volume includes studies of the resurrection and of the people related to it, as well as of the Christian movement that followed. This is a fascinating way to present the old, old story.

BILLY GRAHAM TALKS WITH DAVID FROST by David Frost (Holman, 94 pp., \$2.95) David Frost is an English television personality whose talk shows are widely heard. In this book the transcript of two interviews with Billy Graham are given. The first is in London and the second in New York. Frost and Dr. Graham talk about many subjects including theology, life, death, politics, Billy's own personal life, some of his campaign experiences, and other subjects. These are interesting insights into the personality of great leader as they are brought out by talking.

GOD'S PLAN — PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE by Henrietta C. Mears (Regal, 342 pp., \$4.95).

Henrietta C. Mears was a great Christian Bible teacher in the Los Angeles area and a leader and the director of Christian Education of the world famed Hollywood Presbyterian Church, one of the great conservative churches of America. She was founder of Gospel Light Publications to publish conservative church literature. She led in many other Christian movements which have had a large effect in Christian witness in the nation. Never for one moment was there the slightest compromise with liberalism or modernism in her ministry. The book contains 39 messages on many Bible subjects which were compiled for this



The Free Man

EDUCATION...what's happening

Will The Profs Decide One Day To Skip Class Too?

Momentum has been generated in recent years among college faculties for allowing complete permissiveness regarding class attendance by students. The concept of *in loco parentis* on our campuses has been dead for some time; however, the matter of permissiveness in class attendance goes beyond that to the very integrity of the academic process.

As with personal slovenliness, indifference to class attendance is evidence of the anti-intellectualism on our campuses; for it shows a repudiation of the personal discipline and perseverance that are essential to excellence in any pursuit, including learning and scholarship.

The next step for college faculties may be to excuse themselves from the need for class attendance, at which point the American university may expire by simple adjourning sine die. — John P. EAST OF East Carolina University in Widening Horizons, a publication of Rockford (Ill.) College

Let us by all means continue to give special educational attention to those who through no fault of their own are less capable and less qualified. In so doing, however, we cannot afford to forget that society's greatest benefit from higher education comes through the cultivation of talent, wherever it may be found. To move ahead as a nation, we must not let educational standards be determined by the lowest common denominators of achievement. — Logan Wilson (former chairman, American Council on Education), in The Chronicle of Higher Education

On The MORAL SCENE...

Washington, March 23 — Nicholas Johnson, a member of the Federal Communications Commission, has accused some producers of commercial network television of being a "vicious, evil influence." Johnson testified recently before a Senate commerce sub-committee investigating television violence. "The broadcasting industry now stands charged with having molested the minds of our nation's children to serve the cause of corporate profit," said Johnson. If one molests a child on a school playground one is arrested, Johnson said. "But if you do it Saturday morning, in the living room, to millions of young children, you are just driven home by a chauffeur in a long black limousine," Johnson said in assailing violence on children's cartoon programs. FCC chairman Dean Burch testified before the Senate committee that the FCC was not asking the industry to eliminate all violence "and we're not asking it to sanitize the violence the child sees on the television screen to the point of bland unreality. But we are suggesting that a new attitude take hold." He suggested that prescreening of children's shows with a rating system for parents might be a consideration. (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 3-23-72)

Death of the Middleman: "I die," Paul L. Cabell Jr. wrote to his students, "to emphasize to you and all minority people who ever dream to be free that it can only come through working together. It seems that there is no other way for me to get your attention." With that, Cabell, the black assistant principal of a racially troubled high school just outside Flint, Mich., put a shotgun to his head and pulled the trigger.

Cabell had apparently been frustrated by the racial incidents at Beecher High School, which has an enrollment of 1,000 — 65% white and 35% black. First a group of black students refused to attend classes, calling



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

In the next several weeks people in our churches will be thinking quite seriously about the Christian home as we observe Christian Home Week and Mother's Day and Father's Day. Beginning next week this column will be devoted to that theme and will continue for five weeks. It will be along the theme of "My World — My Home" and will follow the general idea of the column that a woman's world just barely begins in her home, yet it is her world that revolves in the home. So, read in next week, same time, same paper.

You know, everyone who aspires to write dreams of one day seeing his name on a published book. My dream came true once when I saw *Where Is Edwina?* — Miss Ed's biography I wrote with a lot of good help. My dream came true twice when last week I received my copies of *The Christian Woman in the Christian Home*, a Broadman Press book.

But I think I am in a heap of trouble. I think I never should have written that book.

I was rushing around on Sunday morning when the youngest came in with, "What shirt will go with these new pants?" I very efficiently said, "How about it if I fix you up with a brand new shirt, too?" and scrambled through a very inefficiently arranged drawer and came up with the shirt. While I was taking the pins out for the child (who is thirteen), a child who is sixteen walked through and said, "I think you need to read your book again." The book has something in it about letting children do things for themselves so that they can grow up to be people.

Saturday morning James hit the floor grinning and running. "I'm going fishing. You said in your book that I could." My answer, "I didn't mean it. I was just writing."

The college freshman who gets his laundry done here quotably me equally as ineptly about another passage concerned with worry.

At least they read it. I hope you will, too.

The curriculum irrelevant. Then fist-fights between blacks and whites broke out for four days in a row; one white student was hit over the head with a chair. When he tried to make peace, Cabell, who was 28, found himself in the middle — "nigger" to some whites and "Uncle Tom" to some blacks.

His suicide seemed out of all proportion to the comparatively minor unrest at the school, but it did have a certain brutal eloquence. On the day last week that Cabell's death was announced over the school's public address system, some blacks in the cafeteria mistakenly thought a group of whites were applauding his death. The fighting started all over again — (TIME, March 20, 1972, p. 12)

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N. C. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OPENS DAILY SESSIONS WITH A PRAYER

DURHAM, N. C. (RNS)—Presiding Judge Thomas Cooper has launched a policy of opening sessions of Durham County Superior Court with prayer. He said there has been some controversy concerning public prayers in recent years but "I intend to open this court with a prayer. And if it offends any of you, you may leave." Nobody left.

Observers said it was the first time they could recall that this court has been opened with a prayer.



Super clean air is the "reason-for-being" of the newly installed clean-air room at Mississippi Baptist Hospital—the first of its kind in this area. The screen in the background filters air which is blown through the room in such a way as to rid the room of almost all air-borne impurities, making possible those operations (such as total-hip replacements) which demand the cleanest possible environment in order to avoid infection.

Wilkerson Launches Literature Crusade

David Wilkerson, author of THE CROSS & THE SWITCHBLADE, and the founder of the Teen Challenge movement, has launched a new literature distribution program entitled "Every Student Crusade." The massive literature distribution program is attempting to reach 10 million high school and college students in America with an evangelistic message within twenty - four months.

One piece of literature is being used entitled JESUS CHRIST-SOLID ROCK. The 32 - page magazine format booklet on the Second Coming of Christ and how to prepare your life for that event was conceived by Wilkerson and his Dallas, Texas based crusade staff. Wilkerson then gathered contributing articles from Hal Lindsey (LATE, GREAT PLANET EARTH), Pat Boone (I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES) and Bob Summers (ME, THE FLUNKIE). The result was a hard - hitting 32 - page evangelistic booklet.

Wilkerson's office is coordinating the efforts of church youth groups, student organizations, and street Christian groups in order to achieve maximum saturation.

Within 30 days after the first printing, nearly 200,000 copies of the evangelistic literature were shipped.

Thursday, April 27, 1972

III. Mississippi College Commitment Campaign

A Money Miracle?

By Chester E. Swor

Would you like to contribute \$13,150 to the Mississippi College Commitment campaign... or, in a stroke of generosity, to contribute \$65,750? "Ridiculous, impossible!" you say? Well, it is neither ridiculous nor impossible. Read on.

With the skillful help of Dr. Gray Miley and Professor Martin Davis of the splendid new Division of Business and Economics of Mississippi College I discovered that, if a giver should contribute \$100 to the Commitment Campaign, and that amount should be invested at 5% interest, the original \$100 would grow to \$13,150 by 2072; and that \$500 contributed and invested at 5% interest would become \$65,750 in the same 100 years.

But what about contributed money which goes into the construction of buildings? It is my confident belief that the increase in the value of a gift increases even much more in this type of investment than in the interest accrual, and in two ways:

1. The actual value of a building is likely to increase significantly. For instance, in my un-

dergraduate years at Mississippi College, Chestman Hall was constructed for \$100,000. Its present value, if one thinks in terms of replacing it with a steel and concrete structures, would probably amount to \$1,500,000.

2. The incalculable value of a building in the development of succeeding generations of students almost beyond comprehension. In the century in which our historic Chapel was the focal point of inspirational meetings and of several departments of instruction, a galaxy of students went from its halls to bless the whole world—much of their motivation and strengthening having occurred within the walls of that Chapel. All of the world's wealth could not purchase the impact of the lives sharpened and committed in that one building!

Money miracle? No, there really isn't any miracle involved in a \$100 gift's growing into a \$13,150 amount, nor in a \$500 gift's growing to \$65,750. All that is required for either of those grand totals is the initial gift, and there are so many alumni and friends of the college who can make initial gifts in those amounts, and there are many who can give much larger amounts... some, even, in amounts which a hundred years from now would be worth millions.



Jewish Family Prepares To Eat Passover Feast
April 10-16 was Southern Baptist Jewish Fellowship Week, its purpose to promote understanding of Judaism. (HMB photo)

"Only One Lawyer At The Final Judgment"

A Hardened Criminal Finds God

By Jackie Ray Erwin,
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(Note: The writer of this testimony offers it "to further the cause of God in aiding other men, especially young people, to warn them away from the snares of the devil, which are so easy to fall into." He says, "I do have a singing voice that God has blessed me with and if any evangelist might be able to use this singing and my testimony to help bring others to Christ, I would be glad to help." He is due for parole in April and will then be available for giving his testimony.)

I am a convict who is doing time in the Mississippi State Penitentiary. My name is Jackie Ray Erwin. I was raised by Christian foster parents, at Liberty, Mississippi. I attended a nice Baptist church through my childhood, where I sang in the choir and sang special songs. I was saved, I thought, I strayed from God and His will. I would go to church for only one thing, to hear people say how good I was, how nice I looked, and to receive praise for my singing ability.

I was looking for material blessings, not spiritual. I know now, I was only digging my own spiritual grave.

I got married back in 1960 to a beautiful Christian woman that I didn't really deserve because after about a year, I started cheating and running around. I couldn't blame my

sinfulness on anyone but myself, for I was following the devil. Even with her staunch loyalty, our marriage was doomed and after five years I lost the only love I had. Not even that stopped me. I was taking a fast freight to hell. Already, I had turned to crime and depravity, which, when I was convicted in the Louisiana courts, almost cost me 10 years in the La. State Prison. God was warning me then, but I wouldn't listen.

Then, one night, when I was living with my parents, God came to me in a dream and told me that I had purpose in life, that I must change my ways and devote my life to spreading His gospel throughout the world. My parents had mixed emotions when I told them of this experience. Mother was elated, but Dad was almost skeptical for I had always had a speech defect which prevented me from public speaking.

The devil chose that moment to tighten his hold. I let the matter drop and decided to ignore God's plea. A word to the wise is sufficient, but I wouldn't listen. So, within a short time, I was in trouble again with the law. I was accused on a kidnapping charge. This broke my mother's heart, but both Mother and Dad stayed by me, hoping for the best.

Friends offered to help, even money, but the devil had me on the hook for sure. I was a typical har-

dened criminal then, and cursing, fighting, and every sin in the book was my steady daily diet. Church people came Sundays to jail, but I wouldn't listen. I actually applauded silently to see them leave. My Mother and Dad were real good to me, but I didn't deserve their kindness after what I had done.

The day came for me when I went to court and was sentenced to the Miss. State Penitentiary for 10 years. Then the day came when the officials came to carry me to the prison from jail and my mother broke down and cried her heart out. This started the process of hitting me where it hurts, because when I got to the penitentiary, I started feeling the real reward for sin. Jail was never like this. I lost my hair and my name. I had a new number and new clothes with stripes. Freedom was gone, and with it, self - respect. Life lost its flavor and that awful waste became such a burden. I strained to the breaking point. I literally went insane.

Guilt and shame plagued me until I lost all touch with reality. I was put into the maximum security ward of the state hospital (mental). Shock treatments were the order of the day, and this seemed to drive me to even more violent behaviour. I ended up in that dark confinement cell reserved for the total misfits. But there, in that pitch darkness without a hope, equip-

ped without anything but a single bunk and a hole in the floor, a spiritual light reached my soul.

I had plenty of time to think, and finally admitted to myself I was wrong. That night, I got down on my knees and poured my heart out to God just like the publican crying "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Through tears, I poured out my very soul before God, begging for forgiveness, nothing more. But, praise God! The Lord went one better. He not only forgave me, but he washed away the guilt and completely healed me of my mental derangement.

My soul was lifted and even my speech defect was washed away. I was a new man, a born - again Christian. The devil was defeated, and I was given a new life. Where before there was scorn, now there was gratitude. Where before I would spit on a Bible or even a preacher, now my days were filled with prayer.

Not long passed before I met a psychiatric board and was declared competent to return to prison to finish my sentence. God had prepared my way, and I was met by a group of Christian inmates who took my hand and helped guide my spiritual growth. Once an outcast, I am now one of God's children, only through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.

To those who would listen, I want my life to be an example of what can happen. God didn't punish me; rather he let me hang myself, but at the first word of sincere repentance, He stepped in and brought me salvation. This can happen to any man, both the good parts and the bad parts.

Prisons are full of people who thought they could beat the system and some are still ignorant of the fact they are only beating themselves. Let me tell you from the voice of experience, the life of sin starts out small. And, the devil will sure help you out, out of life's running! You might get away a few years like I did, or maybe even all your natural life. But just as I met the judge in the courtroom and met my fate, we all will meet that supreme judge, and meet that eternal fate.

I had thought that the law would never get me; I thought my crimes would remain unsolved and forgotten, but there were witnesses. Life is the same way. We all think that there are no witnesses and our sins will go unnoticed and forgotten and that we will get away with it all. But, there is one un - impeachable witness, one who sees you in the act, and He is going to arrest you. With death! And, he will bring you to court, at the final judgment! And he will be the judge and pass the final judgment (heaven or hell). There is not a man or woman in the world who is not guilty enough to get that ultimate sentence. And, I don't mean the gas chamber.

The gas chamber ends it all as far as life on earth is concerned. Hell is for ever and ever! Some men say a good lawyer can beat the charge, but there is only one good lawyer in that highest supreme court, and he has already paid the fine. He has already taken the rap. He has carried the blame on his shoulders.

Is there a man alive who wouldn't hire an attorney who can guarantee

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Mississippi Baptist Hospital Now Has Clean-Air Operating Room

How clean can clean operating room air be?

This has been a matter of great concern to medical men — especially surgeons — for many years. This is why surgeons wear caps, gowns and masks. This is why all the air coming into a modern operating room is air - conditioned and filtered.

Recent developments in hip surgery made by the British, have stressed the need for "super - clean" air in a surgical theatre.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital now has a clean - air operating room where the air is especially processed to make it as pure as modern science and engineering can devise.

The room "is like no other room anywhere in this part of the country," according to Paul J. Pryor, administrator of Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

The room is now being used for total hip replacement — an operation described by those who know as probably the most severe test of air purity.

"These operations are the first in this area in a completely controlled environment," said Pryor. "Similar operations have been performed in Jackson, but not under the Hepa filter air system provided by our new unit."

Commenting on the total - hip - replacement operation as a severe test of air purity, Pryor said the clean-air room at Mississippi Baptist Hospital will probably see more of that type of operation than any other, although it can be used for other procedures requiring "super - clean" air.

Authoritative sources say that such a system is most important in total hip replacements for two reasons: First, bone is exposed to the air of an operating room for a long period of time, and,

Second, a considerable amount of foreign material in the form of a total hip joint is cemented in the bone.

Bone, as contrasted to soft tissues of the body, has poor ability to tolerate infection because of its sparse

blood supply, and healing is doubly hampered if any foreign material is present.

For this reason, the chance for airborne infection must be kept to a minimum in total hip surgery.

Total hip replacement and the importance of air cleanliness in the operating room was pioneered by a British surgeon — John Charnley of Wrightington Hospital, near Wigan.

From 1959 to 1967, by successive stages of air cleaning in the operating room, he has markedly reduced his post - operative infections. His operating room is filtered to a particulate size not smaller than two micra and air flow can go up to 4000 cubic feet per minute.

"We are especially proud of the Enviroc Enviramedic Isolator," said Pryor. "This unit is built on the same principle as Charnley's units, but it has a finer system of Hepa filters and can produce 8400 cubic feet of air per minute, or twice the air flow used by the British."

He described the hospital's clean - air room this way:

"The air - filter system creates a blanket of sterile air which flows by the operative wound and keeps the wound free from airborne contamination. The system creates a clean - air operating enclosure. The air which has had all the impurities removed is forced at a constant temperature six times a minute across the enclosure."

He pointed out that the air flow is engineered so that it blows away from both the surgeon and the patient, rather than over or across them, so as to move impurities away from crucial areas.

Indications for total hip surgery generally involve an older person with incapacitating hip pain from a deranged hip joint that is not amenable to more standard forms of treatment.



Flowood Pastor Receives \$1400 Check

In photo at left Rev. Marcus Alexander, pastor of Flowood Church (center) and Mrs. Alexander, received check for \$1400 from church which was applied toward purchase of a new car, upon occasion of pastor's second anniversary. B. H. Winstead, chairman of deacon, makes presentation. The work has shown substantial growth in every way, as evidenced by the church bus, recently purchased and seen in picture at right.

Names In The News

Graham L. Hales of Hattiesburg was one of the participants in a seminar on "The Professional Person and the Church" April 10-14 at the Church Program Training Center in Nashville. Sponsored by the church training department of the Sunday School Board, the seminar was directed by John Hendrix, consultant in adult work.

Rev. J. Harold Stephens, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fairborn, Ohio, reports that Buddy Mathis of Pascagoula was youth evangelist during a W.I.N. Crusade recently held in Ohio. Mathis preached and played the trumpet in the April 7-9 services. There were 53 professions of faith in Christ made during the weekend. A high school senior, Mathis is the son of Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor of Calvary, Pascagoula, and grandson of the late Rev. Chester Moulder of Hattiesburg.

Newly elected officers of the Blue Mountain College Local Alumnae Chapter for 1972-73 are: president, Mrs. Aurelia M. Hollis, head of the BMC Department of Home Economics; vice-president, Mrs. J. P. Cook, Blue Mountain, as alumna of the college; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. James L. Travis, assistant librarian of BMC.

Rev. and Mrs. Bobby T. Hood, missionary appointees to Argentina, have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga. They are scheduled to depart around April 25 for language study in Costa Rica (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica). Mr. and Mrs. Hood are natives of Mississippi; he grew up near Ellisville, and she is the former Sue Bates of Pascagoula. At the time of their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board last November, he had been pastor of Sylvarena (Miss.) Baptist Church for three years, and they were living in Raleigh.



Money Tree Given Pastor

The members of Union Church, Rt. 1, Sardis, Panola County and friends presented to their pastor and family a money tree on Sunday morning, April 16. The gift was given to the family in appreciation for their three years of service to the church and community. Pictured are Rev. Jimmy Houston, his wife, Joyce, and their sons, Timmy, eleven, and Bart, two.

SINGAPORE.— Weekly Bible classes and a worship service were scheduled to begin in Singapore's Changi area on Easter Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Stockwell B. Sears, Southern Baptist missionaries, will direct the new work in rented quarters. Currently there is no church of any kind in this entire northeastern section of the island, reports Mrs. Sears.

Officers of the Blue Mountain College Faculty Club for the 1972-73 annual session are: President, Mrs. Bobby Benson of Ripley, secretary to the college president; vice-president, G. Edward Ludlow, associate professor of organ; secretary-treasurer, Emma Sullinger, secretary to the academic dean. The Faculty Club holds weekly social and business meetings, and promotes projects in interest of Blue Mountain College.

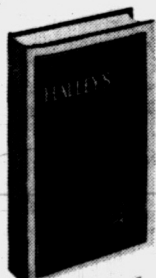
William Carey College conducted its second annual Thomas F. Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program, April 18-20, according to Dr. Don Stewart, Chairman of the Carey Religion and Philosophy Department. The speaker this year was Dr. Roy L. Honeycutt, Jr., Dean and Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Spurgeon Wingo, Sr., mother of Miss Virginia Wingo, missionary to Italy, has died at the Hilltop Nursing Home in Pineville, La. Miss Wingo was born in Dora, Ala., and grew up in Slidell and Bogalusa, La. Her current address is Via Luigi Cola 20, 10098 Rivoli (Torino), Italy.

Neron Smith, Mrs. W. L. Colson, Mrs. Dennis Conniff Jr., Bob McKee, and Mrs. William J. Edwards of Jackson; Dale Oden of Clinton; Betty Ruth Harris of Biloxi; and Mrs. Jim Kitchens of Crystal Springs were participants in a workshop on "administering a Day Care Program" April 10-14 at the Church Program Training Center, Nashville.

Rev. and Mrs. William D. Moseley, missionary appointees to Brazil, have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga. Until their departure for the field in August, they may be addressed c/o E. F. Cooke, Rt. 2, Box 46, Lambert, Miss. 38643. A native of Florida, Moseley was born in Wauchula and later lived in Avon Park and St. Petersburg. Mrs. Moseley is the former Barbara Cooke of Crowder, Miss. At the time of their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board last November, he was pastor of Byhalia (Miss.) Baptist Church, and she had taught school in Byhalia for a year.

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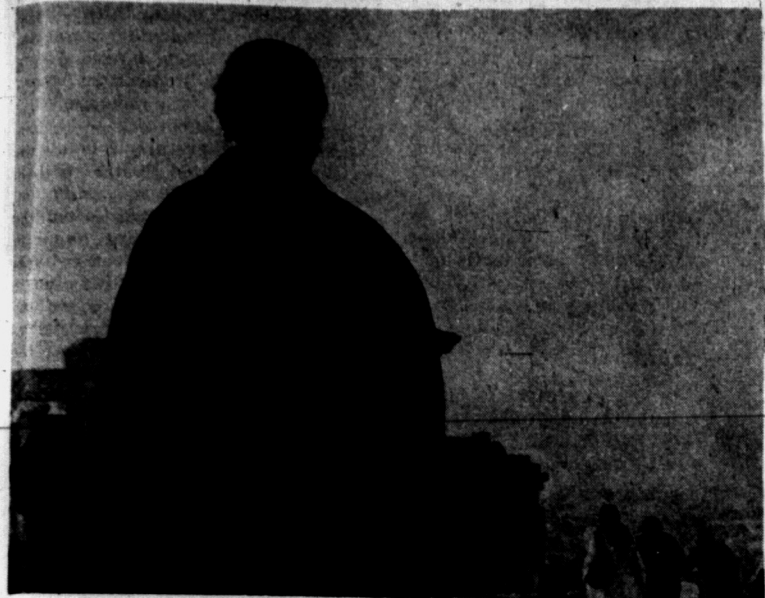
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Receives Free Trip To The Holy Land, From "To Learn The Bible" TV Program



Miss Judy Beth Terrell of Poplarville is shown in Athens, Greece. She was given a trip to the Holy Land in return for her extensive memorization of Scripture.

Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, pastor of First Church, Carriere announces that Judy Beth Terrell of Route 3 Poplarville, was the 1972 recipient of the free trip to the Holy Land paid for by the "To Learn The Bible" television program shown over Channel 13 at 7:30 a.m. every Sunday morning from Biloxi.

The top three persons memorizing the most Scripture working toward the January 1973 free tour were: Nancy Stibbens, Jackson, third place; Kathy Killough of Columbus, second place, and Judy Beth Terrell of Poplarville, first place. Miss Terrell was able to quote the most Scripture (154 verses in 17 minutes) and received the free trip. "All persons who entered the memorization contest are to be commended highly and especially these top three," states Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, pastor, First Church, Carriere.

The tour departed January 2 of this year from New York City and included such historical places as: Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Bethany, Bethlehem, Jericho, Jordan River, Dead Sea, Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Bethel, Samaria, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth, Megiddo, Haifa, Caesarea and also the Greek cities of Athens and Corinth which played a big part in the ministry of Paul the Apostle. The picture of Miss Terrell in the above photo was made while on tour in Athens, Greece not very far from Mars Hill where Paul preached. A nother free trip is to be given to some young person 26 years of age or

younger in the United States who memorizes the most of the Sermon on the Mount. In the event that more than one person memorizes all of the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5, 6, and 7 of Matthew) the trip will be given to the person who can quote the most Scripture drawn from any part of the Bible.

Anyone in the United States 26 years of age or younger may enter this program. There is no registration fee or any other type fee. It is completely free. The whole purpose of this program is to help young people in the United States to learn the Bible, in an effort to help the lost to be saved and the saved to be strengthened.

In order to encourage more young people to memorize more Scripture this year a new feature has been added. At the end of the program all the letters that are mailed in will be placed in a container. Those will be shuffled around and a small child will draw one letter out of the container. The person who mailed that letter (in addition to the person who receives the free \$799 trip) will receive a new \$50 family-size Bible which has many helps to aid a person learn more about the Bible and the Lord. The young persons may write in and have their letters included toward receiving this new Bible every time they memorize at least one more verse of Scripture.

The same \$799 tour for January 1973 which is going to be given to someone free, is made available to anyone of any age for the same price. Those

wishing to go and pay later may do so by paying \$80 down and the rest in 24 monthly payments. To those persons who enroll now for the amount of \$25.00, which will be applied on the cost of their trip, a 250-page - book containing 581 present-day photographs and authentic pictures and maps of the Holy Land with the text of the New Testament will be sent to them free of charge. If later they decide not to make the trip their money will be refunded. Each year there is an increasing number of persons making this tour which is organized and promoted by Dr. Wayne Dehoney, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention. This year there were 504 persons in this group.

Anyone interested in any part of this program is invited to write Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, P. O. Box 56, Carriere, Mississippi 39426. Those persons memorizing the most Scripture will be contacted before the program ends.

Moves To Alabama

Rev. Raymond A. Wilson has resigned the pastorate of Calvary Church, Greenville, where he has served for the past four years in order to accept the pastorate of the Five Points Church, Northport, Alabama (a suburb of Tuscaloosa).

During this time, at Calvary, there were 166 additions by letter and 180 for baptism.

Mr. Wilson is married to the former Shelby Kay Nicholson of Philadelphia. They are the parents of three children: Susan, Andy, and Jennifer.

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A Hardened Criminal

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The Church's Missionary Imperative

By Clifton J. Allen
Luke 24:45-49; John 17:18-23;
Acts 13:1-3

The mission of the church is missionary to the core. The heart of the gospel is the missionary imperative. The Bible passages chosen as a basis for this lesson should impress this truth. The central theme of the Scriptures is the emphasis on the redemptive purpose of God. God's plan of the ages is that the saving message of his salvation through Jesus Christ shall be made known to all men everywhere. Jesus made this known to his disciples very clearly after his resurrection. His final commission to them was a missionary commission. The New Testament is indeed a record of how the early church under the Holy Spirit began to carry out the missionary imperative.

The Lesson Explained
The Purpose Of God
Luke 24:45-49

The disciples had not been able to understand the real nature and purpose of Jesus' life on earth. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to them repeatedly to convince them of the reality of his being alive again; and then he opened their minds so that they could understand God's redemptive purpose from the beginning and his fulfillment in Christ. In teaching them, Jesus may have used such Old Testament passages as Deuteronomy

18:15, Isaiah 53, and Psalm 22. In the light of Jesus' instruction to the disciples; we can learn the intention of God that the saving message of repentance and forgiveness be made known to all peoples in all the earth. The central message of the gospel, the message of world missions, is that God accomplished redemption for lost mankind through the saving work of Christ.

The Commission of Christ
John 17:18-23

These verses are from the heart of Jesus' intercessory prayer the night before his crucifixion. Jesus was willing to go to the cross, even to give his life, for the sake of the redemption of men. He was praying that his disciples would be consecrated to the same objective. And he prayed also that all who would believe on him through their witness, and the witness of other believers down through the ages, would feel their oneness with the Father and with him in commitment to the missionary imperative springing from the love of God. Such unity in fellowship with Christ and in obedience to Christ is the means whereby people around the world are convinced that God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

The Call Of The Spirit
Acts 13:1-3

Saul of Tarsus, at first the bitterest enemy of Christ, became a true believer in Christ when he met the risen Lord on the Damascus road. Barnabas, an earlier believer of openmindedness who was full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, enlisted Saul to join him

in the work of the church in Antioch of Syria. In the providence of God, this church, largely composed of Gentile converts to the gospel, became a base for missionary outreach.

Almost certainly, Barnabas and Saul had led the church in serious searching to know the will of the Spirit as to its obligation for the furtherance of the gospel. Saul himself, following his conversion, had heard the call of Christ to be his messenger to the Gentiles. All this was the background for what Luke tells us as to how the church in Antioch heard the call of the Spirit to set apart Barnabas and Saul for a mission to take the gospel out into the predominantly Gentile world. The church heard this call as it engaged in the most earnest kind of spiritual worship and devotion. It was willing to give up its two strongest leaders to become missionaries. Here is a church which heard the voice of God through the Spirit declaring the missionary imperative. This is the will of God for every church.

Truths to Live By

We have a mandate from Christ. — Churches need the deepest sort of conviction about the missionary imperative. It is confirmed and made meaningful by a church's willingness to be under the lordship of Christ and to be responsive to the direction of the Holy Spirit. The missionary imperative is really not an optional matter for churches. It is Christ's clear command. A church, therefore, betrays its purpose and rejects a central aspect of its mission if it fails to make

central in its life and program participation in missionary work.

World missions must be as comprehensive as the ends of the gospel. — The missionary imperative includes much more than the single matter of proclaiming the gospel. The purpose and love of God include his concern for the well-being of mankind in terms of physical needs and social relationships as well as in terms of personal salvation. The winning of people to faith in Christ is basic and is the foundation for the reconstruction of life in relationship to God and for injecting into the social order persons with new standards of conduct and new compassion for other persons. The missionary imperative sends Christians into the world for evangelism and teaching, for healing and counseling, for reconciliation and fellowship.

The missionary imperative demands personal involvement — No one is drafted, but no Christian can escape the obligation to volunteer.

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Called To Waynesboro; Returns From Utah

Rev. Buel B. (Bill) Patton, the new pastor of Riverside Church, Waynesboro, has moved back to the state from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Vernal, Utah.

Before going to Utah, he was pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Quitman. A native of Meridian, he is married to the former Linda Fay Gibson, also a Meridian native. The Pattons are pictured above with their three daughters, Dawn, 7, Billie, 5, and Donna, 1.

Ridgeland To Celebrate 25th Year

On May 7 the Ridgeland Church will observe its 25th anniversary. The day will begin with the Sunday school at 9:45, in expectation of a record 400 attendance.

The eleven o'clock worship service will feature the five charter members, former pastors, and other church members as the history of the church is recounted.

Provisions for the expected overflow crowd will include closed circuit TV and a new parking lot.

Dinner on the grounds and special music will highlight the afternoon.

"All former members and friends of the church are urged to attend," states Rev. Jerry D. Odom, pastor.

For further information, call 856-6139 or 856-4602, Ridgeland.

Area Youth Rally To Be At Byhalia

Vernon Schaab, director of music and youth at Byhalia Church, reports that an area-wide youth rally will be held at Henry High School Auditorium in Byhalia the first week of May.

Services will begin nightly at 7 p.m. May 4, 5, and 6, and at 2:30 p.m. on May 7.

Singing will be by Steve Pearl and The Scarlett Thread, and preaching by Dave Holloway.

What Really Was The Strength Of The Church?

Acts 4:18-21, 24-31
By Bill Duncan

Many years ago when Charles Spurgeon was at the height of his popularity and power as a preacher

in London, England, a group of men went to visit the Tabernacle where Spurgeon preached. They wanted to know the secret of the strong witness, but turned away because of the large crowd present. (This became the case so often that once a quarter the pastor would ask the members to stay home and let the visitors have a chance to come and worship.) That day the men began to wonder through the building looking around. In the basement below the auditorium they found a group of 500 people in prayer for the services. This was the strength of the strong witness! Anytime we could get 500 people to pray for anything we would reap a great harvest.

Many persons have asked the reason for the strength of the church in Jerusalem. Of course, they were always under attack. There were some who had contempt for this church. At Pentecost, the evidence of something different being in the lives of the disciples was met with an attitude of contempt, and the assumption that they were drunk. Later the religious leaders called them unlearned and ignorant men. This meant they had contempt for the disciples because they did not have technical education and education status. Yet their success was not hindered by the contempt and threats from the leaders were necessary. If the church continued on its course then something would have to be done! This threat was unimportant to the people of the church, for really it only exposed their true strength.

Someone has said that Christians are like tea, you never see their true strength until they get into hot water. What really was the strength of the church?

(1) The unique strength began with their unquestionable experience. Peter and John said we cannot but speak what we have seen and heard. This experience had made them to be a different kind of people. The experience had made Christian men and women to be unanswerable in defense and proof. Words count little when evidence in people can be produced. We can only prove Christianity to others by confronting them with the undeniable evidence of a Christian character. These people had been with Jesus and he had changed their lives.

(2) These people were strong because of their loyalty to God. There was no question in their mind as to who they should obey, man or God. H. G. Wells said, "The trouble with so many people is that the voice of their neighbors sound louder in their ears than the voice of God." It is said of John Knox of Scotland that he feared God so much that he never feared the face of any man. The people of the church had only one person to whom they paid allegiance.

When Peter and John were released, they determined to be true to their experience, there was no depression in the life of the church. Of course they realized that trouble lay ahead of them. But because of their convictions they felt a power of strength come over them. Barclay says there were five convictions that gave them strength.

(1) They had the conviction of the

power of God. To them God's hand had not grown weaker since creation. Therefore they knew that through prayer that power was to be theirs.

(2) They had the conviction of the fatality of man's rebellion. "Why did the Gentiles rage?" is a quote from David. The word "rage" is used of horses who rebel against the discipline of the rein but in the end accept someone else's will. People may make defiant gestures but in the end God's will must prevail. Therefore the church had confidence in the future.

(3) They had the conviction of Jesus' suffering and victory. The church remembered how He had suffered and how He had triumphed. In that memory they had confidence. We must ever remind one another of the life of Jesus. This is our inspiration.

(4) They had the conviction of prayer. These people had learned the value of prayer and they used it in their lives. At a time like they

were facing they did not fool themselves by pretending to face their trials in their own strength. They took it to God. When their strength failed they turned to a power that was not their own.

(5) They had the conviction of the Holy Spirit. They had found a new helper in the Holy Spirit and they knew of his power. Therefore they turned their lives over to his control. Then they found the courage and the strength they needed to witness when their witness might well have meant their death.

In a day when there is so much despair and weakness in some churches, we would do well to see the strength of the early church. For these truths are still the strength for our day. The greatest strength of a church lies in the lives of the Christians who produce character stronger than granite.

Blue Mountain To Present "My Fair Lady"

Blue Mountain College Division of Fine Arts will present the spring musical production, "My Fair Lady," on three evenings — Thursday, May 4, Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, at 8:00 P.M. in Garrett Auditorium. The Thursday and Friday performances are primarily for campus and area people, and the Saturday evening program will be presented especially for Alumnae Day — May Day guests and those who find it impossible to attend on the two previous dates. Seats will be reserved by purchase of tickets. All tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each. For reservations, call the college main phone number, 685-5711.

Director for the spring production is Miss Dianne Ledlow of the College Speech and Drama Department. Piano Accompanists are Robert K. Formosa, associate professor of piano at BMC, and Kitty Sanders King of Blue Mountain, senior piano major.

Star roles will be: Eliza Doolittle, Joy Hurt, Memphis; and Henry Higgins, Dr. Stanley R. Richison, Chairman of the College Music Department.

Bude To Dedicate New Building

Rev. Roy Collum, director, Mississippi Baptist Department of Evangelism, will be the 11 a. m. speaker on Sunday, May 7, for dedication of First Church, Bude.

This day will also mark homecoming for the recently completed church which is valued at more than \$100,000.

Lunch will be served in the recreation building at noon, followed by gospel music at 1 p. m.

At 2 p. m. Dr. J. H. Kyzar, a former pastor of the church, will bring the dedicatory sermon. This will be followed by dedicatory responsive reading.

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Bethany, Prentiss Calls McMullen

Rev. Byron McMullen has accepted the call of Bethany Church, Prentiss. He served the churches of Mount Olive in Lauderdale County and Double Springs in Oktibbeha County prior to going to Calvary Church, Butler, Alabama.

His home church is Calvary, Meridian. He began his ministry as a pastor at the age of 18. He attended William Carey College and graduated with his B. S. degree from Mississippi State University, and worked on his Master's degree at the University of Mississippi.

A capable musician, he has produced an album entitled "Tunes of the Times."

He married Ann Seal, daughter of Rev. Otis Seal, pastor, Calvary, Meridian, and they have two daughters, Stacy Ann, 4 and Sela, 2.

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Former SBC President Announces Retirement

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — J. D. Grey, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced his plans to retire as pastor of First Baptist Church here, effective no later than Dec. 31, 1972.

Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two terms from 1962-1963, has been pastor of the New Orleans church for almost 35 years. He is also former member of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee, and former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

In announcing his plans to retire, Grey said that if the church should call a new pastor before Dec. 31, his retirement date will be adjusted to coincide with the coming of the new pastor.

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Devotional

The Risen Lord: Our Guarantee

By James L. Travis, Blue Mountain

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20).

The term "firstfruits" refers to the produce of a field or orchard which has matured early and which hits the market first. The firstfruits gave evidence of an abundant, full, complete harvest to come at the normal time.

When Jesus rose from the grave, his resurrection is the guarantee that every Christian will triumph over death. He was the "firstfruits." At the full harvest time, every believer in Jesus will stand again upon the earth in a new kind of glorified body.

The time this will happen is when Jesus returns to the earth. At His second coming, you will stand with Him in a glorious, new kind of body. 1 Thess. 4:16 says, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

You might question how could this be done. What if a body were blown to bits? What if it were eaten by a wild animal? What if the bones were completely dissolved in the earth of an acid-type soil?

God made man of the dust of the ground once, and He can do it again. Actually, your physical body is basically composed of chemical elements, most of which are fairly common. Don't be concerned about the ability of God to take whatever He might need in order to make a new kind of body for you.

Someone might ask why God should do this. What good purpose would be served by leaving the emphasis on man's spirit to turn back toward physical things?

Your new body will not actually be physical, but it will be related in form and character to the body you now have. Remember that in His appearances, Jesus looked just as He had before He died. You will share that kind of body (1 John 3:2).

What are some reasons for the resurrection of the believer? 1. When Christians rise at Christ's coming, God's power over all man's enemies will be clearly shown. You can realize now that you will triumph over death itself, that final, bitter enemy of all men. 2. The resurrection also teaches that God is concerned for your entire being, your body as well as your spirit. 3. It demonstrates the importance you have to God as a person, as an individual, for you will rise in a body, not as a blob of formless ectoplasm.

"Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 15:57).



Christe Singers To Present Special Program

The Christ Singers from Forest Church will present a special program of music in the evening service of their church on April 30. The singers are made up of junior high age youth. The accompanist is Miss Glady Lee and the director is James B. McElroy. The Christ Singers extend an invitation to the public to attend this musical entitled "Where in the World Are You Going?"



Charles Doggett, left, Pioneer Royal Ambassador Consultant, shows the Brotherhood Commission's newest mission activity guide to two teenage Royal Ambassadors. CONTACT! Mission Activities Guide for Pioneers describes mission activities teenagers can do after school and on weekends. CONTACT! is available now at Baptist Book Stores. — (Brotherhood Commission photo by Tim Fields.)

New Book Helps In Mission Work

Want to involve your youth in mission activities? Many church and

youth leaders are finding help in a new book just released by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission. It's CONTACT! Mission Activities Guide for Pioneers.

The 44-page book, prepared for Pioneer Royal Ambassadors and other youth groups, describes mission activities, teenagers can do after school, and on weekends.

Instructions for doing 48 mission activities are given, and the book includes a section on motivating teenagers to become involved in mission activities. Some of the mission activities discussed are: work with people during a disaster, alcohol and drug education ministries, information centers, evangelistic services, clothing drives, mission banks, resort worship, shopping services, tutoring, visiting new residents, and youth encounters to share Christ.

CONTACT! is available now in Baptist book stores for \$1.00.

To Bangladesh With Love

A Baptist church in the Tschaco (Chaco) area of Argentina has given 2000 pesos (US\$80) for the relief of war refugees in Bangladesh.

Gerhard Claas, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of West Germany, said the gift is significant because the Argentine church is a German speaking congregation and has received financial assistance from Germany for the past several years.

Hey! What's Wrong?

By Ray Newcomb

A well-informed U. S. Congressman said recently, "Our world is finished. I've given up. I'm just going to try to enjoy what time we have left." On every hand we hear that "the world is coming apart," "the human race is ripping open at the seams," and "our cities are without glue."

Many solutions have been given for the break down of morals by the road of sin, pleasure, liquor, sex, dope and worldliness. Some say we need to change the environment and create better living conditions. Others say we need to stop the rebellion of our young people, give them a bath and a hair cut and put them to work. While others say we must stop crime, wars and poverty to cure our ills.

The answer to these problems and the cures for all our ills is so simple that most of us laugh at it. God gave Solomon the privilege of building the greatest building of all the world, the magnificent temple of worship to Jehovah. When the dedication service had ended, Solomon went to bed and God spoke to him. I have heard your prayer, I have witnessed all of the ceremonies and I have chosen this place as my house. But I want you to remember that if my people forsake me I will send hard times upon them, and you will know the reason for these trials. I will not continue to bless these people if they forsake me, even though they have built for me this wonderful house. Then God, in mercy, says when the calamities fall upon them, if my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from Heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

God did not say the rebellious youth must clean up and get a hair cut before He would bless. Neither did He say that criminals and dope addicts must be changed. Nothing was mentioned about the environment or bet-

Enon Homecoming

A homecoming and memorial service will be held at Enon Church in Waltham County Sunday, May 7. Rev. M. C. Nelson will be guest speaker. He was formerly pastor at Enon for eight years. Rev. Roy Black is present pastor.

The offering taken on May 7 will go into the cemetery fund. Those church members unable to attend may wish to send a check or money order to A. L. Boyd, church treasurer. There will be morning and afternoon services and lunch will be served at the church at noon.

Revival Dates

Roundaway Church (Sunflower County): weekend revival; May 5-7. Dr. John Cheyne, missionary to Ethiopia, evangelist; Billy Pierce, music director at Roundaway will lead the singing; Frank Bishop, pastor.

Main Street Church, Goodman; April 30 - May 5; Rev. Cornell Daughtry, North Winona Church, evangelist; music will be led by B. S. U. students from Holmes Junior College; services daily 7 a. m. and 7:30 p.m.; D. M. Metts, Sr., pastor.

Paris (Lafayette): April 26 - 28; services nightly at 7:30 p.m.; a different speaker each night; Rev. Al Duval, pastor.

Ruth Church: youth revival; April 28, 29, 30; services at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday; Rev. Steve Conley, pastor, Bethel, Lincoln Co., evangelist; Darryl Oster, First, Brookhaven, leading music; Rev. Gerald Kline, pastor.



First Church, Picayune, April 30 - May 5; Sunday services at regular time; Monday - Friday services 7 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Rev. George E. Meadows, pictured, pastor First, Hazlehurst, evangelist; Hubert Greer, minister of music at Picayune, First, in charge of the music.

Scripture Distribution

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In 1971 the National Bible Society of Scotland reported a 50 per cent increase in Scripture distribution. The total of Bibles, New Testaments, and booklets rose from 106,243 to 151,034. The increase was almost entirely due to Portions and Selections, which present well-known passages from the Bible in attractive, easy-to-read formats.

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Hungary is one of the countries in Eastern Europe where Scripture production has been going on throughout the post-World War II period.

Between 1949 and 1968, 220,000 New Testaments and Bibles were produced. The United Bible Societies have regularly sent paper to Hungary for this purpose.

ter living conditions. He did say the people that are called by His name must change. We are to humble ourselves, pray, seek God's face and turn from our wicked ways. God will then hear from Heaven, forgive our sins, and HEAL OUR LAND.

America is sick with sin today. If every Christian lived as he should, prayed as he should, and voted as he should, we would throw out the evils of our land in a short time and God would heal America's sores.

Faculty Members At Carey To Be Honored

Four William Carey College faculty members will be honored on Commencement Day, May 27, on the Hattiesburg campus.

They have been named "Faculty Emeriti" of the college by the Board of Trustees and will join the ranks with three former faculty members who are thus distinguished.

To be honored on May 27 with the following titles are: Dr. Benjamin Franklin Smith, professor emeritus of religion and philosophy; Mrs. Julia O. Loper, professor emerita of English and Journalism; Mrs. Ruth Duncan, head librarian, emerita; and Mrs. Bessie Bates, assistant librarian, emerita.

In 1971 the first three faculty members were awarded emeritus status: Dr. R. G. Bigelow, professor emeritus of education; Dr. Judson Chastain, professor emeritus of religion; and Dr. Clarice Robinson, professor emerita of business administration.

State Native Named As Missionary By Home Mission Board

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board of Directors has appointed three new career missionaries, one to serve in Baltimore, Md., and a missionary couple to work in Atlanta.

Appointed as a field worker in Baltimore was Miss Bobbie Jean Murphy, a native of Montgomery, Ala.

Other new appointees include Terry and Rebecca Moncrief, Christian social missionaries in Atlanta. Moncrief, an Augusta, Ga., native, is director of the Clark Techwood Baptist Center in Atlanta.

A native of Union, Miss., Mrs. Moncrief is a graduate of the Gilroy School of Nursing, Jackson, Miss., and the University of Alabama. She also attended Southern Seminary.



DeKalb Church Dedicates Pastorium

DeKalb Church dedicated its colonial style, four bedroom pastorium Sunday, April 16. Pictured are some members of the building and planning committee. (From left to right) Wilmer Daws, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Peden, John P. Stokes, and Rev. Ken Anderson, pastor. Members of the committee not pictured are Mrs. Margaret Gully, Mrs. Christine Little, and Selby Weir.

Ridgeland Conducts Lay Evangelism School

Ridgeland Church recently conducted a Lay Evangelism School. Rev. Leon Young, superintendent of missions for Lauderdale County, was the teacher.

About one-fourth of the church membership was enrolled. The average attendance was 75 out of 82 enrolled. The school was conducted in five nights. Each session was divided into three sections: Bible study; creative activities; and witnessing techniques. The school emphasized the combining of classroom study with on-the-job training.

On Thursday night, 80 adults and young people went witnessing in the town. Most of the participants felt this was the significant feature of the school. Many for the first time in their Christian lives shared their personal testimonies.

As a part of the continuing witnessing-learning activities, 60 persons committed themselves to go once a week for the next twelve weeks.

"The personal spiritual growth and enthusiasm engendered through the school are two good recommendations for the Lay Evangelism Schools," according to Jerry D. Odom, pastor.

BUGLARIES of residences and businesses in 1970 totaled 2.2 million, a 72% increase in 5 years. Property losses totaled \$672 million. One in 5 burglaries is solved.



Sing At Mississippi Arts Festival

The Solid Rock of First Church, Columbia, sang at The Mississippi Arts Festival Coffeehouse on April 25 at 10:15 p. m. on the opening night program around the theme, "Patchwork Vibrations." The group has sung over the last year in five states for churches, at shopping centers, coffeehouses, banquets, youth meetings, and placed in the top seven at the 1971 Youth Choral Festival. Billy Jack Green is the director of the group; B. C. Clark is stage manager; Kay Johnson is the accompanist; and Dr. Howard Aultman is pastor.

Springdale To Dedicate New Building

Springdale Church, Attala Association, will dedicate recently completed educational - fellowship facilities on Sunday, April 30.

The activities planned for the special day include the regular Sunday School program at 9:45 a. m. and the worship service at 11 a. m. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall at noon. At 2:00 p. m. a special service of dedication will be held with Rev. L. D. Wall, Attala's recently elected superintendent of missions, bringing the dedication message. Mrs. Peggy Tyler of Parkway Church, Kosciusko will render special music. All offerings received during the day will go into the Building Fund.

Former members, former pastors, members and friends are invited.

The new building is 2,000 square feet in area and accommodates a pastor's study, kitchen, six adult classrooms which are convertible to a fellowship hall, a pre-school department and restrooms. The centrally air-conditioned and heated unit is of block construction brick veneered to match the existing building constructed in 1964.

The completion of this facility is only one of the many accomplishments of the Springdale congregation since going into a full-time ministry in 1969. A new pastor's home has been built and was dedicated last fall in November, 1970. The existing church facility was centrally heated and air-

conditioned along with other remodeling projects which include painting and adequate lighting over the pulpit area in January 1971 and this also is debt-free. The church has enjoyed substantial growth in all of the organizations reflected in the fact that the Sunday School attendance has doubled, the Church Training attendance has tripled, and offerings have increased to nearly four times the amount given before going full-time. Springdale led the Attala Association in per capita giving last associational year. Recently organized Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, and Acteens show continued growth. Three choirs are now active in the music ministry of the church, along with other special musical groups.

BBI Alumni To Meet For Breakfast At SBC

GRACEVILLE, Fla. — Alumni president Howard C. Browning has arranged for the Baptist Bible Institute breakfast during the Southern Baptist Convention at 7:00 a. m., June 7, in Philadelphia.

BBI alumni will eat in the Harrison, Smith and Penniman Room of Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania. This is at 3417 Spruce Street, near the Civic Center, site of the Convention, Browning said.

Off The Record

"You do believe in free speech, don't you?"
"Of course."
"Good. I wanted to ask before using your telephone."

"You missed school last Thursday and Friday, didn't you?" queried the teacher.

"To be perfectly honest," replied the honest, little monster, "I didn't."
"Look at that!" boasted the baseball rooster. "It's only the first inning and we've got a man on every base."
"So what?" replied his lovely companion. "The other team has a man on every base too."

As the mother tucked her four-year-old son into bed after a trying day, she sighed, "Well, I've certainly worked from son up to son down."

The youngster's first day at school was not a happy one. "I don't like school," he declared, "but I've got to stay here till I'm 14."
The teacher's sympathy was only lukewarm. "You are worrying about that? Think of me. I have to stay here till I'm 65."

A philosophy professor urged his students to be tranquil and at ease always. He explained that the secret lay in not letting little things bother one. While he was talking, an insect began buzzing around his head and some of the students tittered.

"This fly buzzing around me illustrates my point," said the professor. "It bothers some of you, but it does not disturb me. I am not flailing my arms around in the air trying to get rid of it. I simply ignore it and know it will go away."

About this time the insect settled down on the professor's nose. This was a little too much even for him, and he made the slight concession of trying to brush it away with one finger.

Suddenly he leaped to his feet and clutched his nose. "Why didn't one of you tell me it was a bee?" he shouted.

"I'll tell you how bad the smog is. I know a 6-year-old kid who doesn't believe in three things — Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the sun."
—Robert Orben

The best thing about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.

Then there was the minister who paid for seminary tuition by working for the Internal Revenue Service. He wasn't much on sermons, but he was great on collections.

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